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24-HOUR REPORT**18 JANUARY 2018**

(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) San Jose – 12 Arrested in Gang Sweep**

(U) Seven adults and five juvenile residents were arrested last week in a sting targeting a gang, according to San Jose police. The operation involving more than 50 officers focused on what police described as a "violent criminal gang" that is believed to be responsible for a series of robberies, carjacking's, burglaries and a shooting. Police said the crew was responsible for at least 30 robberies and carjacking's since the summer of 2017.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [Milpitas Patch](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – Facebook, Google Tell Congress They're Fighting Extremism**

(U) Washington – Facebook, Google and Twitter told Congress yesterday that they've gone beyond screening and removing extremist content and are creating more anti-terrorism propaganda to pre-empt violent messages at the source. Representatives from the three companies told the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation that they are, among other things, targeting people likely to be swayed by extremist messages and pushing content aimed at countering that message.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [CNBC](#)

(U) Florida – 550 Pounds of Cocaine Seized from Ship at Miami Port

(U) Miami – Florida law enforcement officials confiscated over 550 pounds of cocaine while they were inspecting a vessel at Miami's seaport on 15 January. US Customs and Border Protection officials were going through cargo when they discovered the cocaine, estimated to have a street value of \$6.25 million. The packaged contraband was found inside five duffel bags hidden behind metal tubing. It was later tested and came back positive for cocaine.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [Palm Beach Post](#)

(U) Georgia – Georgia Prison Boss Wants to Stop Drone Deliveries to Inmates

(U) Atlanta – The executive in charge of Georgia's Prison system sees a serious problem with drones. In fiscal year '18 Georgia prisons had 74 drone sightings, according to the Georgia Department of Corrections commissioner. There have been dozens of drone sightings at prisons, which put the facilities on lockdown while officers count inmates and scour grounds for any drop-offs. Several states are considering joining the ones that already specify that it's a crime to fly a drone near a prison.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [The Telegraph](#)

(U) Maryland – Cellphone Jamming System Tested at Maryland Prison

(U) Cumberland – Federal prisons officials yesterday tested jamming technology inside the walls of a federal prison, a rare move that authorities said they hope will help combat the danger posed by

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inmates with cellphones. The test was conducted over several hours yesterday morning at a federal prison in Cumberland, Maryland. Officials said it marks a step in the fight to cut down on inmates' ability to communicate unsupervised and carry on with criminal efforts.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New York – White Supremacists Responsible for Most Extremist Killings in 2017, Report Finds

(U) New York City – White supremacists were responsible for the majority of extremist killings in 2017 compared to other groups, according to a newly released report by the Anti-Defamation League. Of the 34 people the league's Center on Extremism found were killed by domestic extremists last year, right-wing extremists killed 20 people, with 18 of those killed by white supremacists, according to the report.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) Texas – Texas is Fourth State with Most Illegal Massage Businesses in the US

(U) Houston – Texas is the fourth state with the most illegal massage businesses, which typically force immigrant women into prostitution, according to a report published yesterday by Polaris, an organization specialized in researching and fighting human trafficking. Only California, New York and Florida have more illegal massage businesses. The report underlines that there are currently more than 9,000 illegal massage businesses nationwide that generate approximately \$2.5 billion annually.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [Houston Public Media](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Iraq – ISIS Claims Responsibility for Baghdad Bombings**

(U) Bagdad – ISIS has claimed responsibility for the twin suicide bombings in Baghdad this week that killed at least 27 people. It was the first major attack in Iraq's capital since the government declared victory over the terrorist group last month. The delay in issuing a claim of responsibility suggests that ISIS' media apparatus has been disrupted in the period since the group lost nearly 98 percent of its territory in Iraq and Syria.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [New York Times](#)

(U) Mexico – At Least 33 Bodies Found in Clandestine Graves in Mexico

(U) Mexico City – Search dogs led authorities to the discovery of four clandestine graves containing at least 33 bodies in a sugarcane field in Mexico's Pacific coast state of Nayarit. Officials said yesterday that the killings were likely linked to the drug trade. The bodies were found in the township of Xalisco, which has long been the home base of a black-tar heroin trafficking ring that supplied the US West Coast.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nigeria – Nigeria Gunmen Kidnap Two US and Two Canadian Citizens

(U) Kaduna – Two American and two Canadian citizens have been kidnapped near the northern city of Kaduna, Nigeria, police say. Two police escorts were also killed in a shootout with the kidnappers, who emerged from hiding to attack the convoy. The group, travelling in two vehicles, was reportedly attacked on their way from Kaduna to the capital Abuja, about two hours away. Parts of the Abuja-Kaduna road have been target locations for kidnappers.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [BBC](#)

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